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Description: ff. i + ii + 267 + i - Bound in 1973 in calf with 2 fore edge clasps; previous binding in eighteenth century parchment, spine gilt, green morocco title label. - On f. 267v, ownership note, s. XV, "P. bonar___?___." According to the Sotheby catalogue description, the name "W. Mildmay" (perhaps Sir Walter Mildmay, Chancellor of the Exchequer, d. 1589) was written on a detached flyleaf, no longer with the volume. Owned by George Bengough of Bristol in 1847; his notes on ff. ii-iv. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). Chronica, 7.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 14th

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Part 1: ff. 1-267v

Description: - Parchment - 205 x 298 mm - 1⁴ 2-22¹² 23¹² (-12 with loss of text). Catchwords in inner lower margin. Leaf signatures, where visible, different in each quire, using horizontal or vertical slashes, letters or roman numerals written in lead, red ink or turquoise, and placed at various positions in the lower margin. 2 columns of 46 lines (3 columns of 51 lines in the chapter list), ruled in lead, 3 lines between the columns; round prick marks in the 4 corners of the written space; in quire 2, the 3 lines between columns pricked with slash marks on either side of a round prick mark.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XIVⁱⁿ

Searchable Date Range: 1300 - 1315

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;3 scribes

Script: Anglicana

Other Decoration: 3- and 2-line blue initials with red flourishing; paragraph marks alternating red and blue; rubrics in red, not completed on ff. 228-234, 254v-263.

Notes: Narrow strips of parchment in the outer margins of ff. 74, 101, 190, 195 slashed free on 3 sides to be twisted into fore edge tabs, now torn away except on f. 190. Latin

Number of Texts: 4

Text 1: ff. 5-263

Author: Henry Bracton

Title: De legibus et consuetudinibus Anglie

Title: Que sunt Regi necessaria. Incipit liber domini Henrici de Bracton

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: In rege qui recte regit necessaria sunt duo hec, arma videlicet et leges

Explicit: qui sunt ad fidem domini Regis sive inde preceptum habuerint sive non. Explicit liber Henrici de Bractoun de legibus et consuetudinibus Anglicanis.

Notes: On f. ii, notes regarding the Bengough family, s. XIX; on ff. 1-4v, chapter list to Bracton; on f. 4v, a prayer, a note on herbs, verses about Tedaldus (pope Gregory X), a political prophecy in verse attributed to the chaplain of Roger le Brabazon (justice of King's Bench in 1296), verses about a pope Lucius. G. E. Woodbine, ed., Bracton on the Laws and Customs of England, trans. with revisions and notes by S. E. Thorne (Harvard University Press and the Selden Society 1968-77); this manuscript not recorded.

Text 2: ff. 263-264

Title: Statutes

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Includes: the Statute for religious men; Extenta manerii; Assize of weights and measures; Assize of bread and ale.

Text 3: ff. 264-265

Title: Ordinatio cartarum

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Quam prona sunt estatis studia et quanto vivamus diucius tanto proniora et hec quare plurimi sunt contractus utpote conductiones emptiones venditiones obligationes

Explicit: Ego A. de B. et heredes mei vel assignati totam terram predictam cum pertinentiis sicut prius dictum est prefato C. de B. et cetera. Explicit ordinacio Cartarum.

Text 4: ff. 265-267v

Title: Statutes

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Includes: a note on weights and measures; the View of frankpledge; Magna Carta; verses; a copy of a writ of entry brought by William of Sparesholte against Gerald de Insula dated at Winchester, 21 September in the year of "our" reign 13; the Versus Bruti ad Dianam and its pendant Responsio Diane; the Carta de foresta ending defectively.
